

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5324

INFO AMCONSUL IBADAN PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652 : NA

TAGS : OEXC, NI (OMOLE, OLUSEGUN)

SUBJ : OIL INDUSTRY STUDENT: OMOLE

REF : LAGOS 7137

1. SUBSEQUENT TO SENDING REFTEL, OMOLE, AFTER FINALLY HAVING OUR URGENT MESSAGES RELAYED HIM, APPEARED AT EMBASSY TO EXPLAIN SITUATION. HE DID NOT KNOW OF PASSPORT PROBLEM UNTIL LATE JULY, AND COULD NOT AT FIRST LEARN WHY. REPORTS POLICE AUTHORITIES HAD CONFUSED HIS IDENTITY WITH ANOTHER STUDENT INVOLVED IN VIOLENT CLASH WITH IBADAN POLICE LAST FEBRUARY. EVENTUALLY HE SUCCESSFULLY CONVINCED THEM OF THEIR MISTAKE BY PROVING HE WAS DOING FIELD WORK ASSIGNMENT WITH OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM. HE HAS BEEN IN LAGOS LAST TWO WEEKS TRYING FRANTICALLY TO SORT THIS OUT AND THUS WE WERE NOT ABLE TO REACH HIM IN IBADAN. GRANTEE STATES THAT AUTHORITIES HAVE VERBALLY PROMISED HE WOULD HAVE PASSPORT BY AFTERNOON AUGUST 3.

2. GIVEN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY RESCINDS DECISION IN REFTEL AND HOPES DEPARTMENT CAN MAKE STRONG ARGUMENT WITH PEXCON ON BEHALF OF GRANTEE. PASS PORT DELAYED BECAUSE OF CIRCUMSTANCES NOT IN HIS CONTROL BUT WHICH HE TRIED TO RECTIFY. AFTER THESE MONTHS OF ANTICIPATION AND ANXIETY, WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF HE COULD NOT PARTICIPATE. WE TOO, AS PEXCON, WOULD LIKE TO SEE PROJECT HUNDRED PERCENT SUCCESSFUL AND THEREFORE HOPE PEXCON OFFICIALS WILL CONCUR TO OMOLE'S LATE ARRIVAL.

3. IF ALL GOES WELL, PLAN AUGUST 5 ETD VIA PA 181 ETA NEW YORK AUG. 6 AT 0600 HRS WITH CONNECTIONS FIRST AVAILABLE FLIGHT TO D/FW  
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AIRPORT. OR AUGUST 7 OR 8 WOULD BE LATEST ENVISIONED. WILL ADVISE

CONFIRMED FLIGHT DATA SOONEST.

4. PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATE.  
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